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LSUBJECT: BULGARIAN LOBBYING FOR AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY
ARRANGEMENT

1. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN RECENT YEARS, BULGARIAN LEADERS
HAVE URGED IRAN, PAKISTAN, AND INDONESIA TO SUPPORT THE
SOVIET INITIATIVE FOR AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT.
THEY HAVE APPARENTLY NOT TRIED TO PERSUADE INDIA AND AFGHANIS-
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2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS, THE AMBASSADOR
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HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE IRANIAN, PAKISTANI, AND INDONESIAN AMBAS-
SADORS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV AND OTHER BULGARIAN
LEADERS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME URGED THEIR COUNTRIES TO
SUPPORT THE SOVIET IDEA OF AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY
ARRANGEMENT IMPLICITLY DIRECTED AT CONTAINING CHINA.
THE AFGHAN AND INDIAN CHARGES SAY THAT THEY (AND THE INDIAN AMBASSA-
DOR WHEN HE HAS BEEN HERE) HAVE NOT BEEN

SIMILARLY IMPORTUNED.

3. THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID TPWZNDE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SUBJECT WOULD BE MENTIONED AGAIN AT THE TIME OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE SHAH TO BULGARIA IN MID-MASYN BUT THAT IF IT IS THE IRANIANS WILL PROBABLY RESPOND AS THEY HAVE INH THE PAST TO THE EFFECT THAT IRAN DOES NOT GIVE BULGARIA ADVICE ON BALKAN MATTERS, AND DOES NOT SEEK BULGARIAN ADVICE ON SOUTH ASIAN MATTERS (NO DOUBT LEYS BLUNTLY).

4. INCIDENTALLY, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO SOFIA ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, AFTER SIX MONTHS' ABSENCE (SEE SOFIA 0338 NOTAL). THE CHINESE DCM HAS TOLD OUR DCM THAT THE RETURN OF HIS AMBASSADOR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN BULGARIAN2CHINZSE RELATIONS, WHICH HE DECLINED TO CHARACTERIZE NURTHER.
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